

DECORATIVE CANDLE DISPLAY**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates in general to decorative candles, and in particular to a decorative candle display including a container within which is disposed a core candle whose wick extends through an aperture in a colored gelatinous structure and which is surrounded with candle wax to thereby fill the container and provide a generally level top surface upon which the gelatinous structure resides.

Candles have become very popular for decorative purposes, and as such are being formed in different styles, shapes, and colors. Typically, there are three different types of candles: tapered, molded, and container, and all are generally fabricated of a candle wax material which may include paraffin wax, vegetable wax, or beeswax. Fragrances and/or pigments can be added to the wax material to enhance individual candle characteristics. Typically, the fragrance and/or pigment is mixed with the wax when in a molten state, and the treated wax is then formed into the preferred type of candle. In this manner, an aroma and/or color can be made integral with an otherwise traditional product.

In addition to making candles out of wax material, mineral oil has been used to create gel candles. The mineral oil is gelatinous and a solid at ambient temperature, and generally will burn longer than candles made from a wax material because of the high oil content of the gel. As desired, gel candles may additionally be scented and/or colored to add variety. Additionally, gelatinous gel can be manufactured in sheet form which then can be cut in cookie-cutter fashion to create variously shaped gel components for decorative inclusion with traditional molded candles.

While the qualities of wax material and gelatinous material are recognized, an object of the present invention is to provide a decorative candle display in which wax material and gelatinous material are united to create a candle display where both materials combine with each other to produce a novel flame effect.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a decorative candle display incorporating a container within which is disposed a candle wax material forming a surface from which a wick extends to integrally cooperate with a gel structure.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a method of fabricating a decorative candle display wherein a core candle with a wick extending therefrom and a surrounding wax filler are introduced into a container and thereafter integrally coupled via the wick with a gel structure.

These and other objects of the present invention will become apparent throughout the description thereof which now follows.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a decorative candle display and a method for its manufacture. The candle display comprises a container with an open top and an interior wall surface, and a core candle fabricated of a candle wax material with an exposed wick extending upwardly therefrom situated within the container. Core candle size and placement is such that a chamber is formed between the core candle and the wall surface, and a candle wax material filler is disposed within the chamber. A colored gelatinous structure is disposed on top of the core candle and has a substantially vertical aperture through which the wick, extending from the core candle, resides for ignitable exposure above the gel structure.

Methodology for manufacturing the decorative candle display comprises placing a core candle having an exposed wick extending upwardly therefrom and fabricated of a candle wax material into a container such that a chamber is formed between the core candle and the interior wall surface of the container. A colored gelatinous structure with a substantially vertical aperture there through is placed on top of the core candle and the exposed wick of the candle is drawn through the aperture to project above the gelatinous structure. A molten candle wax material filler is then poured into the chamber and cooled to thereby form a solid filler. Finally, for aesthetic purposes, radiant heat or heat from a hot air flow is applied to the gelatinous structure to round any pointed border portions thereof and to imbue a sheen to the structure as an inherent heat-induced reaction occurs in the gelatinous material for such sheen production. The decorative candle display here defined provides an aesthetically pleasing contribution upon wick ignition thereof by visually combining flame color with gelatinous-structure hues as the candle burns.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

An illustrative and presently preferred embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a decorative candle display including a container and a lid therefor;

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view in section of a core candle fabricated of a candle wax material;

FIG. 3 is a side elevation view in section of the container component of FIG. 1 with solely the core candle of FIG. 2 therein;

FIG. 4 is a side elevation view in section of the container component as shown in FIG. 3 additionally with a colored gelatinous structure atop the core candle;

FIG. 5 is a side elevation view in section of the container component as shown in FIG. 4 additionally with a candle wax material filler surrounding the core candle; and

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of heat application on the top surface of the candle display.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIGS. 1-5, a decorative candle display 10 is illustrated. The display 10 includes an open-top container 12, which can be transparent or opaque and can include a lid member 13 for closing the open top, and a core candle 14 disposed therein at a preferably generally central site within the container 12. The core candle 14 is fabricated of a candle wax material, preferably a conventional paraffin wax, with a wick 16 extending upwardly therefrom as known in the art. As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, a chamber 18 is formed between the core candle 14 and the interior wall surface 20 of the container 12. Positioned on top of the core candle 14 is a colored gelatinous structure 22, as shown in FIG. 4, which can have a defined shape such as the heart shape shown in FIGS. 1 and 6. The gelatinous structure 22 is cut in cookie-cutter fashion from a gelatinous sheet manufactured from a mineral oil gel which is solid, yet also flexible. Such a gel product is available as "Candle Gel" and "Versa Gel," both manufactured by Penrico Company, Woodland, Tex. The structure 22 includes a vertical aperture 24 centrally located therethrough and through which the wick 16 of the core candle 14 is passed such that the wick 16 extends upwardly from the structure 22.

The chamber 18 is filled by pouring a quantity of a molten candle wax material filler 26, preferably fabricated of the